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IN RE:

APPLICATION OF : David E. Patterson & Richard D. Cramer  
TITLE : A Method for Selecting an Optimally Diverse  
Library of Small Molecules Based on Validated  
Molecular Structural Descriptors  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 13, 2003**

Applicants hereby respond to the office action dated March 13, 2003. This response is being timely filed along with a petition for extension of time and the required fee.

**AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claim which begins on page 4.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8.